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		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9-18-61 at Springfield.

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Title:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
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Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

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WORTMAN trial scheduled to begin East St. Louis, Illinois, on or about 10-16-61. THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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A. BACKGROUND

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B. ASSOCIATES

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C. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Re: Activities at Paddock Lounge, E. St. Louis, Illinois

It is noted that it was previously ascertained that on June 6, 1961, a 1955 Oldsmobile, bearing West Virginia license [REDACTED] was observed at the Paddock Lounge in E. St. Louis, Illinois. Pittsburgh Division of the FBI has advised that this West Virginia license is issued to one [REDACTED]

By communication dated 9-15-61, the Pittsburgh Office advised as follows:

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D. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Date September 26, 1961

At approximately 11:00 PM, September 20, 1961, SA [REDACTED] checked the parking lot at Pat's Place, Forest Boulevard and Black Lane, St. Clair County, Illinois, and observed the following license numbers on vehicles parked on the lot:

1961 Illinois Licenses

[REDACTED]

Missouri Licenses

[REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] drove out of the lot and drove around the area for several minutes and then observed that a man and woman were leaving Pat's Place and entering a late model Ford bearing Illinois license [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] turned off of Forest Boulevard onto Black Lane and was proceeding slowly in the direction of French Village, Illinois, watching the activity on the parking lot when he suddenly observed that a 1960 white over red Oldsmobile was alongside of him, proceeding slowly in the opposite direction. It was observed that the driver of this car was MELVIN JOHN BECKMAN and it was also noted that the automobile bore 1961 Illinois license CD 6514, the license known to be registered to BECKMAN. SA [REDACTED] did not note from which direction this car had come since the car was not seen to drive down Black Lane. It appeared possible that the car may have come from the lot of the junk yard located behind Ben's Tavern. SA [REDACTED] did not observe the car until it was right alongside him.

The man and woman who left Pat's Place were observed to enter the late model Ford and proceed on Forest Boulevard in the direction of East St. Louis, Illinois, with the woman

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doing the driving. BECKMAN and his automobile were not
further observed.



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Date September 26, 1961

At approximately midnight September 16, 1961, the parking lot of PAT's Place, Forest Boulevard and Black Lane, was checked and the following license numbers were observed on vehicles in the lot:

Missouri Licenses:

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Illinois Licenses

From the parking lot it was observed that there were only several persons in the front part of the bar. It was also observed that a heavy-set white male wearing a jacket, was standing to the side of the picture window inside the bar and appeared to be keeping watch on the parking lot.

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Investigation establishes that MELVIN BECKMAN, presently residing in St. Louis, is moving to 715 Carl Street in Collinsville, Illinois. [REDACTED] BECKMAN has been associated with WORTMAN gambling operations in the past.

Observation of Pat's Place, 8600 Forest Boulevard on 9/29 and 9/30 and 10/1, indicates no gambling in progress and the club was closed by 11:00 P.M. 10/1/61.

Metropolitan St. Louis Press carried articles last several days regarding coin vending rivalry between Continental Corporation and WORTMAN controlled vending enterprises. From press reports two machines owned by WORTMAN operation located at St. Louis Public Service Company Car Barn were damaged by two Negro men carrying sledge hammers. These were two cigarette machines, and they also damaged two candy machines at about 9:00 P.M. 9/28/61.

WORTMAN trial continued until 1/8/62 as US District Judge JUERGENS stated that defense would not have sufficient time to prepare for trial in view of Government's intention to rely on specific items method of income tax

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computation. The Government commented that they were not amending the Government's method of presenting the case or changing its method but only in making additions by using certain bank records, deposits and so forth. The defense claimed this changed the entire plans by the defense.

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THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION:AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Will develop information regarding damage of 4 WORTMAN coin vending machines as set out above.

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St. Louis interviewed other individuals whose automobiles have been observed parked at Pat's Place and some of these individuals admitted that they had gone to Pat's Place for the purpose of gambling.

Observation by Springfield agents night of 10/2-3/61 reflected that Pat's Place was closed at 10:00 PM and observation did not establish that gambling was in progress and at any of the other probable establishments in the E. St. Louis, Illinois area. These observations were also made on the night of 9/30-10/1/61, at which time no gambling was observed in operation at Pat's Place or any other known establishment.

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The daily racing form dated 10/3/61 carried article regarding racehorse Roman Colonel stating this horse was to be retired to stud. Further that the horse has won a total of \$209,954.00 and is to be sent to Silver Creek Farm at Lexington, Kentucky, allegedly owned by TED WORTMAN; further that this horse is to be syndicated for \$160,000.00 by the owners, BILL WEILAND (of St. Louis) and TED WORTMAN. Further that they plan to charge \$1500.00 per each stud service fee and that they plan to keep 15 shares valued at \$5000.00 and the other shares will be sold by WORTMAN and WEILAND.

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Continued spot checks at East St. Louis, in St. Clair County, Illinois, area disclosed no evidence of gambling at present time. Policy and bingo remain closed and no indication of plans to re open in near future. Observation indicates Pat's Place, 8600 Forest Boulevard, at Black Lane, most recent site of WORTMAN gambling operation no longer open for business of any kind.

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
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Pat's Place reopened for business 10/9/61; however, a check of the location indicates no gambling on premises. No indications of WORTMAN crap game operating at any other locations in East St. Louis or St. Clair County, Illinois area.

Bingo and policy remain closed.

WORTMAN associate MELVIN JOHN BECKMAN has moved from St. Louis, Missouri, to Collinsville, Illinois.

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On 10/11/61 agents observed [REDACTED] a close WORTMAN associate, and [REDACTED] obviously tried to avoid being observed and surveilled by agents. [REDACTED] eventually went to a motel on the outskirts of E. St. Louis and on leaving the motel after an hour or two, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then went to the Paddock Lounge in E. St. Louis and after about 3 hours, left the Paddock alone and headed for St. Louis. [REDACTED]

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St. Louis locate and interview [REDACTED]
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"Evening Journal", East St. Louis, October 13, 1961, published list of all federal wagering stamp holders in St. Clair county totaling 86 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1962; 3 such stamps issued in Madison County; 64 was total issued for St. Clair County for year ending June 30, 1961. Names and addresses of all stamp holders published indicating most of them in the Belleville and East St. Louis areas. Most of the holders in East St. Louis have been interviewed in the past in connection with the WORTMAN organization policy operation. A large percentage of Belleville stamp holders are tavern operators who have punch boards and pinball machines in their locations. List identifies ROY J. CONRAD, JAMES J. KAGE, and ARTHUR J. BERNE, Side Car Company, 204 (rear) Madison, Lovejoy, Illinois, as present stamp holders. These individuals known to have operated WORTMAN organization policy racket in past but this operation remains closed.

"St. Louis Post Dispatch" October 15, 1961, carried article regarding coin vending operations indicating JOHN J. VITALE, St. Louis hoodlum, is being "squeezed" as result of competitive war between Continental Vending and WORTMAN controlled vending operations. b7C

Copy report SA [REDACTED] 10/2/61 furnished Department Attorney JOHN J. SHAUER, 10/16/61; SHAUER anticipates he

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will leave East St. Louis in next few days in view of continuance of WORTMAN case. SCHAUER advised of information set out in Daily Airtel 10/13/61 relative to [REDACTED]

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LEADS.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT WESTBURY, NEW YORK

(1) Will obtain background information concerning Continental Vending, Inc., allegedly a nationwide cigarette vending firm.

(2) Will identify principal officers and officials of this firm and determine if these individuals and Continental are legitimate. Will determine if there are any known racketeer or hoodlum connections, associates or activities on the part of Continental or its principal officers or officials.

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(3) Will determine the source of the financial backing of Continental.

(4) New York is specifically instructed to submit the results of the above inquiries to both the Springfield and the St. Louis Offices, submitting an extra copy to the St. Louis Office for their file [REDACTED]

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE

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Two copies of this report are regularly furnished to the St. Louis Office as leads in this case are furnished to that office on a day to day basis by other means of communication.

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Office: SPRINGFIELD

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Title:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, JR.

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Information concerning competitive action developing between WORTMAN controlled vending machine operations and Continental - St. Louis Vending Corporation set forth. Continental allegedly a New York operation. St. Louis police officials allegedly had conference with both sides as "trouble shooters" were in the area. News article states East St. Louis officials aware of situation and states EDWARD WORTMAN is backing B & H Company.

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B. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

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Re: Vending Machine Operations of Plaza Amusement,
Rite-Way Cigarette Vending Company, Hines
Cigarette Vending Company, B & H Cigarette
Vending Company



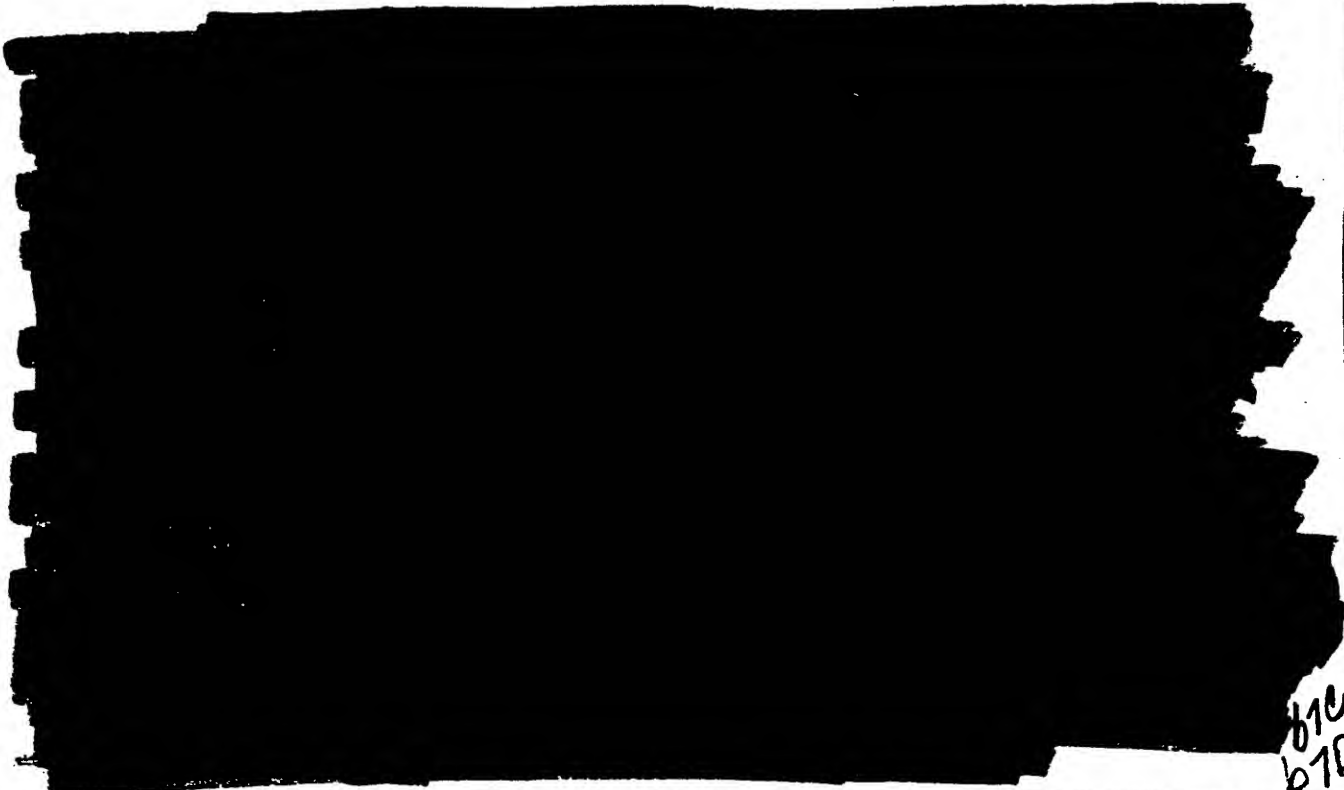
Information has been previously developed regarding the coin vending machine operations in St. Louis, as well as in the East St. Louis area, as the result of the recent purchase by the Continental Corporation of various cigarette vending operators in St. Louis and recent purchase of the National Cigarette Vending Company in the E. St. Louis area.

On 9-17-61, the St. Louis Post Dispatch carried an extensive front page newspaper article regarding the competition developing in the cigarette vending business between the WORTMAN-controlled cigarette vending operations and the Continental-St. Louis Vending Corporation. This article pointed out that the companies had been taking "spots" from each other in recent weeks and the article outlined the recent history of cigarette vending operations in the St. Louis, Missouri, and E. St. Louis, Illinois area, and furnished background concerning the Continental Corporation as well as the WORTMAN-controlled vending companies. This article pointed out that the Continental Vending Company is a New York operation with extensive cigarette vending business in large cities over the country and that it is a multimillion dollar operation, which continues to expand in various metropolitan areas. The article further stated that TED WORTMAN, as well as officials of Continental, were called into a conference with St. Louis police officials, who were concerned because of reports of the arrival of "troubleshooters" in the area allegedly brought in by both sides. According to the news article, both the WORTMAN operation and the Continental operation assured the police that only "business methods" would be used and no violence would develop.

On 9-20-61, the Evening Journal of E. St. Louis, Illinois, carried an account of the cigarette vending operations in the East St. Louis area and pointed out that E. St. Louis Police Commissioner RUSSELL T. BEEBE had on that date acknowledged that he was aware of the competition between Continental Vending and the B & H Sales Company, which was a new cigarette vending firm in operation in E. St. Louis. BEEBE further stated that he was aware that the B & H Company was financially backed by EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, a brother of FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN. BEEBE further stated that he knew that the St. Louis police had talked with WORTMAN as well as with LOUIS SALADINO of the Continental Company. BEEBE further made the public statement that the B & H had machines at the E. St. Louis headquarters and other city administration locations and that he approved the establishment of these cigarette machines of the B & H

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Company; further that ROBERT HANSON, the operator of B & H, was formerly employed by the National Cigarette Distributing Company of E. St. Louis, and that HANSON had obtained city permits to operate the B & H Sales Company with an address of 735 N. 16th Street in E. St. Louis.



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It is noted that the following is taken from a news article on the front page of the Sunday Journal of E. St. Louis, Illinois, dated September 24, 1961, regarding this matter, wherein E. St. Louis Police Commissioner made the following statement when he was asked if he plans any action in view of the WORTMAN connections with the B & H Company. The statement is as follows:

"HANSON, insofar as I am concerned is a good, local boy, who has been in this business for the past 21 years. If he borrowed money from WORTMAN to go into private business, there is nothing I can do. After all there are a lot of other establishments in our area, which have borrowed money from WORTMAN and which operate on a legitimate basis. There is nothing we can do, nor nothing we plan to do unless there is violence or some evidence that illegal operations are being conducted. TED WORTMAN'S son-in-law, JAMES B. HINES, has cigarette vending machines in our city, too, and there is nothing we can do against him."

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COIN VENDING OPERATIONS

The following article appeared in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, September 17, 1961:

"TED WORTMAN IN FIGHT FOR MACHINE SALES OF
CIGARETTES

"Police Watching Struggle Here Between
Ex-Convict and Powerful Continental Industries.

"By THEODORE C. LINK
Of the Post Dispatch Staff.

"Increasing competition between a new firm backed by Edward (Ted) Wortman and a local subsidiary of the powerful Continental Industries of New York for control of the lucrative cigarette vending machine business in the St. Louis area is being watched with concern by police and state revenue authorities, the Post-Dispatch learned yesterday.

"Wortman is a former convict and brother of gangster Frank (Buster) Wortman.

"Continental Industries prepared for an all-out drive by the purchases last June of the National Cigarette Distributing Co. of East St. Louis and the Capitol Vending Co. of St. Louis from Jack T. Tainberg and associates for a reported \$500,000 police learned.

"Continental, which had been doing business here through Ace Vendors, 8024 Rosalie avenue, Brentwood, obtained rights to place its machines in 1100 business establishments on the East Side and 550 in St. Louis and St. Louis county through the purchase of the National and Capitol concerns. At the time of purchase, National operated in five East Side counties and had 24 employees.

"Largest Operation Here.

"Overall direction of the three companies is centered in the Continental-St. Louis Corp. with headquarters

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"at the Brentwood address. Louis J. Saladino, who had a long connection with the Crescent City Vending Machine Co. of New Orleans, was brought here about two years ago to take charge of Continental-St. Louis, described by police as the largest cigarette distribution operation in the St. Louis area.

"Saladino and Wortman have assured St. Louis police their business contest will not lead to violence. Both men were summoned to conferences at police headquarters and warned that violence would not be tolerated.

"Assurance that 'only business methods' would be employed was readily given by the pair, it was reported. Both were said to have conceded, however, that Wortman's B. & H. Distributing Co., and Continental-St. Louis were grabbing each other's 'stops' wherever that was possible.

"Aided by Former Rival.

"In charge of operations of B & H Distributing Co., which has its headquarters at the rear of Teel's tavern at 1570 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, is Robert J. Hanson, for more than 20 years an employe of the National Cigarette Distributing Co. Hanson, who has extensive associations in the cigarette distributing business, said he joined Wortman because Continental reduced his expense account and annual bonus after buying the National Co.

"Detective Captain Thomas L. Moran and Lt. Joseph Kuda, who interviewed Wortman, said he reported that Hanson obtained 120 former National 'spots' and had placed B & H machines in city offices, the police station and fire engine houses in East St. Louis after obtaining approval from Mayor Alvin Fields.

"The detectives said Wortman insisted that he financed B & H Distributing Co. with his personal funds and that the new company is not sponsored by Plaza Amusement Co., nor any other hoodlum-dominated vending machine firm in this area.

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"Plaza Amusement Co. is an operation of the Wortman brothers and their long-time associate, Elmer (Dutch) Dowling.

"Experts Sent In.

"Continental Industries sent in three 'trouble-shooters' to assist Saladino in meeting the Wortman competition. Police identified the vending machine business experts as Berlin B. Saunders, Miami, Fla.; Frank Biamonte, New Orleans, and Sidney Bernstein, an officer of Continental Industries, Westbury, Long Island, N.Y.

"Saunders, a veteran vending machine operator, returned to Miami after advising Saladino. Bernstein commutes between St. Louis and Westbury, and Biamonte is still here.

"The trouble-shooters told police they learned through surveillance of Plaza Amusement Co. trucks from Plaza's headquarters to East St. Louis that vending machines were being exchanged with B&H.

"Some tavern operators, fearful of making enemies, have gone back to carrying their cigarette stocks on back bars. Vending machines gained their foothold in part to stop pilfering of cigarette packages by employees.

"Continental, according to Saladino, was able to overcome competition in legitimate fashion because it could put in vending machines for \$275. Continental manufactures them, whereas other distributors have to pay \$375 a machine he said.

"Suit was filed in St. Clair County Circuit Court at Belleville last July by National Cigarette & Tobacco Co. against Hanson. The petition, signed by Saladino, charged that Hanson was using his knowledge of the customs and operations of National for his personal profit. The suit, which is still pending, asked for \$50,000 damages and an injunction to halt Hanson's operations.

"Advance Commissions

"Important aspects of the Continental operation are advance commissions and three-year contracts. Some advance

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"commissions amount to \$5,000, based on the business potential, it was reported. Bonus payments of \$200 to \$400 are part of the plan to gain new spots.

"Continental Industries, a \$23,000,000 corporation with annual profits from a nation-wide operation estimated at \$5,000,000, is a result of the merger of several business organizations, including a floor polish firm in Brazil, Ind. The polish firm, Car-N-Var, had its stock listed on the New York Exchange. Officers of Continental told the owners of Car-N-Var that a purpose of the purchase was to gain entry to the New York Exchange.

"Saladino and Biamonte formerly worked for the Crescent City Cigarette Service in New Orleans. Prior to 1956 Crescent City was owned by Dan Cohen, racketeer and business associate of Carlos Marcello, underworld czar, whom the Government recently tried to deport. The company, which dealt in juke boxes and pinball machines, was sold in 1956 to National Vendors, Inc., of New York, a subsidiary of Continental Industries.

"Los Angeles Battle

"There was testimony at a McClellan Senate committee hearing in 1959 that Continental engaged in a similar competition for vending machine spots in Los Angeles in 1957. The fight was between Coast Cigarette Co., a Continental affiliate, and the Rowe Cigarette Co.

"A trouble-shooter was sent to California in Continental's effort to halt the 'claim jumping' of lucrative vending spots, the committee was told. Mickey Cohen, West Coast Gambler, and Fred Sica, hoodlum associate of Cohen, received \$10,000 from the Continental representative on their promise to remain neutral in the fight.

"The late Thomas A. Vaughn, New Orleans vending machine official and former deputy director of Civilian Defense, testified that Sica claimed he should get \$20,000 but that eventually Vaughn paid \$10,000 to Sica and Cohen. Harold Roth, president of Continental, had complained to him about the tactics of the Rowe company and asked him to look into it, Vaughn testified.

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"Agreement Reached

"The controversy was settled by an agreement not to take each other's steps. This was made easier, Vaughn testified, when Sice and Cohen remained out of the picture.

"Testimony at another McClellan committee hearing disclosed that Continental loaned \$200,00 without interest to Milton Holt, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 805, New York, to buy Continental stock, and for other purposes. Holt subsequently was fined \$1500 and received a three months' suspended jail sentence on anti-trust charges growing out of the cigarette vending machine trade association activities. Matthew Forbes, of New York, one of the owner of Continental was fined \$10,000 for violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

"Roth told a congressional committee about the loan to Holt. Fines totaling \$104,000 were assessed against six individuals and cigarette vending firms in the New York courts.

"Credit reporting agencies state that Continental Industries has 20 subsidiaries, each wholly owned. Inter-company relations with the subsidiaries are described as extensive and include equipment sales, purchases, loans and advances. The parent company guarantees certain obligations to the subsidiaries.

"Officer in Two Firms

"Louise Purchia, an officer of Continental, is also an officer of the Benjamin Vending Corp., formed by her brother-in-law, Benjamin De Martino. Harold Roth is described by New York police as a close associate of DeMartino, a former partner of Mike Coppolo and Mike Lascari in the Manhattan Cigarette Service Co., in the Bronx. This company was sold to Roth for a reported \$300,000, police learned.

"Rights to vending machine locations were through by police to have been a factor in the murder in January, 1956, of Robert C. Brown, Board of Aldermen parliamentarian and owner of Brown & Sons Tobacco Co., and W & R Cigarette Co. Brown was shot to death and his home left in an alley near his home, 4562 Holly Place. The W&R Co. ultimately became a Wortman property. Brown's murder remains unsolved.

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"Sara Roth, former operator of Capitol, and Leonard Aron, former head of Ace Vendors, have been observed by St. Louis county detectives at the Continental firm headquarters, where they are employed as salesmen obtaining new spots or retrieving lost ones. Roth and Aron were charged with failing to register under the fictitious names law. In addition, Aron was charged in an indictment with possession of a device for counterfeiting cigarette tax stamps. They sold out to Continental while their troubles were pending.

"Aron was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary on his plea of guilty before Circuit Judge Virgil A. Foelker at Clayton last April, but was placed on probation.

"Worried About Hoodlums

"R. B. Browning, head of the Cigarette Tax Division of the Revenue Department at Jefferson City, and Theodore J. Isaacs, Illinois Director of Revenue at Springfield, told the Post-Dispatch that they had been worried about hoodlum infiltration of the cigarette vending business in the St. Louis-East St. Louis area and had been assigning deputies to check on the situation.

"Chief of Detectives James Shea ordered the police investigation of the 'competitive' fight between B&H and Continental partly as the result of information from Browning and Isaacs.

"Continental has been making efforts to obtain a state license permitting it to stamp cigarette packages, but thus far has been unable to obtain a license and has had to purchase cigarettes already stamped."

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The following article appeared in the Daily Racing Form, Tuesday, 10-9-61:

"Hawthorne, Cicero, Ill., Oct. 2 - Roman Colonel, a five-year-old son of Ky. Colonel-Roman Grace, has been retired to stud, it was announced today by Tommy W. Kelley, veteran trainer who developed the horse and supervised his successful campaigns from the beginning. He is to be sent to the Silver Creek farm at Lexington, Ky., where he will be mated to 32 mares next spring.

"The horse is to be syndicated for \$160,000 by owners Bill Weiland and Ted Wortman," said Kelley, "and it is planned to stand him at \$1,500 per service. Weiland, who has been racing the horse, had a previous agreement with Wortman that upon retirement Roman Colonel would be owned by them on a partnership basis.

"They tell me they plan to keep 15 shares, valued at \$5,000 per share, for themselves, and that the other shares will be sold. They will control the syndicate."

"Roman Colonel is one of the finest horses ever foaled in Illinois. The mare, Roman Grace was mated with Ky. Colonel in the Blue Grass and brought to the Silver Creek Farm at Caseyville, Ill., where she dropped the foal that became known as Roman Colonel.

"Kelley says the stallion retires perfectly sound of wind and limb. He finished third in Saturday's \$25,000 added Midwest Handicap.

"The decision was made this morning to retire him," said Kelley. "He pulled up fine, but the fact remains that he is not the same Roman Colonel he was in 1958 and 1959 and they are retiring him while he still retains the ability to finish close up in stakes."

"Roman Colonel started 56 times in four years, during which he won 24 races, was second eight times and third seven times for earnings of \$209,954.

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"In 1958 he won the Mr. Lincoln Stakes and the Illinois Breeders Handicap, and finished second in the Land of Lincoln and third in the Joliet. As a three-year-old he won the St. Louis Derby, Spy Song Handicap, SNARO Handicap, Hurricane and City of Coral Gables Handicap. In 1960, he won the Roy Poinciana Handicap, was second in the Clang and Jamaica Handicaps.

"This year he failed to win a stakes, but was third in the Clang, and fourth each in the Tropical New Year's Handicap, Equipoise Mile and Hawthorne Inaugural. His race Saturday, of course, was his finale.

"Roman Colonel still holds the track record for 6 furlongs at Tropical Park where he raced with 122 pounds up, in 1:08 2/5 while winning the City of Coral Gables Handicap. One of the greatest races was when he shouldered 130 pounds and raced 6 furlongs in 1:09 1/5 to win the Royal Poinciana Handicap at Hialeah."

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE:

16, 1961

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka;
EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, JR., Aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

OO: Springfield

Enclosed herewith are five copies of report of [REDACTED] dated October 16, 1961, in this [REDACTED] letter. b7c

UACB this report and the report of SA [REDACTED] dated October 2, 1961, at Springfield, will be disseminated to departmental attorneys at East St. Louis, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 9-28-61

FROM : Q SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

SUBJECT: JUNE 0
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al
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Remylet to Director, 2-21-61, captioned "RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE" re FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al, AR, and to the aerial view of the residence attached to referenced communication. Also, reference is made to telephone conversation of August 25, 1961, between Assistant Director COURTNEY EVANS and myself concerning misur possibilities.

Additional information concerning a possible installation is requested as follows:

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For the Bureau's assistance in considering this request, the following additional information is desired:

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NOTE Wortman is a top hoodlum of the Springfield Office and is one of the most notorious racketeering figures in the midwest. He has been the subject of an intensive investigation by the Bureau in the Criminal Intelligence Program. Wortman and his associates are extremely security conscious and he maintains his residence on an island, which is completely surrounded by water, with access thereto limited to one causeway and bridge. Springfield has been making continuing efforts to establish highly confidential coverage of Wortman's residence from which he directs all of his racketeering activities.

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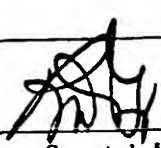
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For the information of Jacksonville and Miami, the Plaza Amusement Company is apparently a company of numerous coin vending companies controlled by FRANK WORTMAN, his brother, EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN and ELMER "DUTCH" DOWLING.

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Also if WORTMANS have interest in coin vending operations in that community as it is known that WORTMANS have extensive vending operations metropolitan St. Louis area for past 15 years. WORTMAN organization presently in highly competitive war with Continental Vending Company of St. Louis and Continental is exerting strong pressure on WORTMAN vending operations. Investigation by Jacksonville and Miami should be submitted on appropriate fd 302s for including in biweekly report submitted by Springfield Office in captioned case.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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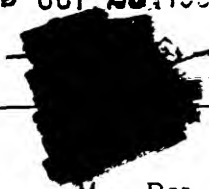
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[REDACTED] advised on 10-24-61 there was considerable miscellaneous conversation at the Paddock regarding STENGELE'S slaying but no specifics developed indicating knowledge by anyone who committed the crime. b7C

[REDACTED] made comment to the effect that STENGELE'S slaying will probably put Continental out of business and further that STENGELE got what was coming to him.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
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DATE: 10-26-61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

SUBJECT: JUNE
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Please furnish to the Springfield Office for immediate use one [REDACTED] for use as a replacement for a possible defective unit. b7E

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TO : Director, FBI

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Rerep of S [REDACTED] Springfield, 10-16-61.

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On October 26, 1961, agents observed 
 GORDON FOSTER, GEORGE "STORMY"
HARVILL,  at the Paddock Lounge,
between 12:00 and 1:00 PM.

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No further pertinent developments regarding
slaying of JOHN STENGLE.

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According to the Belleville, Ill., News Democrat, St. Clair County States Attorney JOHN M. KARNs, JR., has announced he is investigating the entire vending business in St. Clair County following the murder of JOHN R. STENGELE. According to the paper KARNs also announced that he had instructed the E. St. Louis PD to "investigate every angle in this case, including the personal life of Mr. STENGELE."



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Springfield Confidential Informant [redacted] indicated that **ELMER DOWLING** had a long conversation 10/26/61 with an unknown individual who contemplates seeing **DOWLING** again 10/27/61 at the Paddock Lounge at 4 PM. This unknown individual indicated some connection with the address 2023 S. Broadway, assumed to be St. Louis, Mo.

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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [redacted] IF UTILIZED MUST BE CAREFULLY PARAPHRASED OR CONCEALED SO THIS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED.

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St. Louis at St. Louis, Mo., will determine nature of property at above address and if feasible identify any individuals connected with this address who might have hoodlum connections. This inquiry should be discreet so that the source of the information is not divulged.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
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Development of other information desired in referenced Bulet will be held in abeyance pending receipt of the foregoing information from the Laboratory.

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Daily Airtel

Re Daily Airtel 10/27/61 concerning information from
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Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, covered 10/27/61 in
PM for identity individual who had appointment with ELMER DOWLING
4:00 PM. No identification made of visitor; however, 1960
Plymouth, Missouri license [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] observed vicinity of Paddock.

No new developments concerning STENGELE slaying; East
St. Louis Police have refused to publicly take position as to
whether slaying was by .22 cartridge or by shotgun. St. Louis
and East St. Louis press over the weekend carried extensive
news articles concerning Continental, Wortman operations, and
Vitale operations. TED LINK, Reporter, "St. Louis Post Dispatch",

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10/29/61 wrote extensive article stating WORTMANS trying to sell out their vending operations but can find no takers. Accuracy of this information unknown and may be sheer speculation by newspapers.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10-23-61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

SUBJECT: JUNE
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Remylet, 8-22-61, which advised that an official 30-day trial monitoring period would commence September 5, 1961. Initial monitoring indicated necessity of technical improvements in the installation before any possibility of worthwhile monitoring could be undertaken. The suggestions in Bulet, September 13, 1961, were taken into consideration.

[REDACTED] All this was completed on October 19, 1961, and our monitoring commenced October 20, 1961.

Monitoring will continue for a 30-day period following October 20, 1961, and the Bureau will be advised of the results and our recommendations relative to the productivity of this installation.

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TO: SAC, Springfield (66-1368)

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FROM: Director, FBI

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Reurmemo 10/23/61.

You should furnish the Bureau a weekly airtel summary of information received through the highly confidential coverage of the Paddock Lounge. If information of immediate interest or significance is received, it should be promptly furnished to the Bureau by appropriate communication rather than held for the weekly summary.

Advise whether [redacted] is the correct symbol number assigned to this source.

Furnish to the Bureau not later than November 15, 1961, an appropriate FD-143 together with your recommendation concerning any further continuance of this source.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] October 16, 1961.

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Title:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.;

Character:

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Synopsis:

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Circumstances regarding postponement of WORTMAN, et al, trial to January 8, 1962, set out. THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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C. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES AND ACTIVITIES

On September 28, 1959, the New York Office advised St. Louis concerning the Continental Vending Machine Company, 956 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury, New York, as reflected in the files of the New York Office. The February 22, 1959, issue of the "Columbus Citizen" and clippings from the February 23, 1959, issue of the Columbus Evening Dispatch set out information regarding attempts of the Continental Vending Machine Company to obtain control of vending machine operations in the Columbus and Central Ohio areas.

The articles concerned purchases of juke and cigarette machine locations in Columbus, Ohio, that were being made by Continental. They alleged that Continental had recently acquired control of the Ohio Monarch Cigarette Machine Company, Columbus, Ohio.

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Files of the New York Office contained no further information regarding Continental.

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HORSE RACE ACTIVITIES OF
EDWARD WORTMAN

The Daily Racing Form, October 3, 1961, carried the following article:

"Roman Colonel, a five-year-old son of Ky. Colonel Roman Grace, has been retired to stud, it was announced today by Tommy W. Kelley, a veteran trainer who developed the horse and supervised his successful campaigns from the beginning. He is to be sent to the Silver Creek farm at Lexington, Ky., where he will be mated to 32 mares next spring.

"The horse is to be syndicated for \$160,000 by owners Bill Weiland and Ted Wortman,' said Kelley, 'and it is planned to stand him at \$1,500 per service. Weiland who has been racing the horse, had a previous agreement with Wortman that upon retirement Roman Colonel would be owned by them on a partnership basis.

"They tell me they plan to keep 15 shares, valued at \$5,000 per share, for themselves, and that the other shares will be sold. They will control the syndicate.'

"Roman Colonel is one of the finest horses ever foaled in Illinois. The mare, Roman Grace was mated with Ky. Colonel in the Blue Grass and brought to the Silver Creek Farm at Caseyville, Ill., where she dropped the foal that became known as Roman Colonel.

"Kelley says the stallion retires perfectly sound of wind and limb. He finished third in Saturday's \$25,000 added Midwest Handicap.

"The decision was made this morning to retire him,' said Kelley. 'He pulled up fine, but the fact remains that he is not the same Roman Colonel he was in 1958 and 1959 and they are retiring him while he still retains the ability to finish close up in stakes.'

"Roman Colonel started 56 times in four years, during which he won 24 races, was second eight times, and third seven times for earnings of \$209,954.

"In 1958 he won the Mr. Lincoln Stakes and the Illinois Breeders Handicap, and finished second in the Land of Lincoln and third in the Joliet. As a three-year-old he won the St. Louis Derby, Spy Song Handicap, SNARO Handicap, Hurricane and City of Coral Gables Handicap. In 1960, he won the Royal Poinciana Handicap, was second in the Clang and Jamaica Handicaps.

"This year he failed to win a stakes, but was third in the Clang, and fourth each in the Tropical New Year's Handicap, Equipoise Mile and Hawthorne Inaugural. His race Saturday, of course, was his finale.

"Roman Colonel still holds the track record for 6 furlongs at Tropical Park, where he raced with 122 pounds up, in 1:08 2/5 while winning the City of Coral Gables Handicap. One of the greatest races was when he shouldered 130 pounds and raced 6 furlongs in 1:09 1/5 to win the Royal Poinciana Handicap at Hialeah."

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On September 16, 1961, at approximately midnight, a vehicle bearing Missouri license [REDACTED] was observed parked at Pat's Place, Forest Boulevard at Black Lane, near East St. Louis, Illinois, while gambling was apparently in progress at this location. It was determined that this license is registered to [REDACTED] on a 1955 Dodge.

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H. LABOR ACTIVITIES

The following is a newspaper article which appeared in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, St. Louis, Missouri, on October 10, 1961, which read as follows:

"Charges of labor racketeering against Peter R. Weibert and John L. (Doc) Lawler were dismissed yesterday in United States District Court.

"Lawler, business agent of the Pipefitters Local 562 and Second Ward Democratic committeeman, and Weibert, former business agent of Local 513, Operating Engineers, were indicted with 10 other AFL construction trades union leaders by a federal grand jury in 1953 for conspiring to extort \$50,000 from the contractor on a gas pipeline project.

"Other defendants in related indictments included Lawrence L. Callanan, boss of the Pipefitters organization, and Paul Hulahan, Building Laborers business agent.

"In moving for dismissal, United States Attorney D. Jeff Lance told Judge George H. Moore that Weibert, 72 years old, is a semi-invalid because of arthritis. Lance noted also that the alleged offense occurred 11 years ago and that Weibert had served a prison term on another charge. Lance said the Department of Justice had concurred in the dismissal.

"The charge against Lawler and Weibert was the last of 18 labor racketeering cases resulting from a Post-Dispatch investigation of reported extortion attempts through threats of violence or work stoppage. The majority of the cases were successfully prosecuted and both Callanan and Hulahan served federal prison terms.

"Lawler, 57, lives at 2036 East DeSoto avenue. Weibert lives at 4115 Federer place."

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On September 29, 1961, in United States District Court at East St. Louis, Illinois, United States District Judge WILLIAM G. JUERGENS postponed the trial of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, EDWARD WORTMAN, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, SAM GEORGE MAGIN and GREGORY "RED" MOORE until January 8, 1962. On this date a court appointed physician testified GEORGE FRANK, also indicted with the above individuals, had been examined and it was the physician's opinion that FRANK would never recover sufficiently from his present illness to stand trial or testify. At this time Judge JUERGENS stated he was granting a delay of the scheduled date of trial, October 16, 1961, to January 8, 1962, because the defense counsel would not have sufficient time to prepare a defense by the broadened aspects disclosed by the Government attorneys on September 29, 1961.

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Defense attorney MORRIS SHENKER, who represent FRANK WORTMAN, objected to the broadening of the scope of evidence and stated it changed the entire plans by defense counsel. SHENKER contended it would be impossible to assemble information needed for a proper defense by the date of October 16, 1961. In announcing the postponement, Judge JUERGENS said:

"In the law business, I guess you should not be surprised at anything. Each side has attempted to minimize the problems of the other and to magnify its own problems.

"I was prepared to deny the motion for continuance on the grounds of Mr. Frank's health. Then the government announces that it will proceed by the bank deposits and other expenditures method in addition to the specific items of income method. This is a different situation. The continuance will be granted because the defense does not have sufficient time to prepare before Oct. 16.

"If either side has anything else to state, I want to hear it now. I do not want to hear it a week from now, two weeks from now, or shortly before or on Jan. 8."

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: 10-30-61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA
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Rebuairtel 8-1-61.

Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of the report of SA
[redacted] dated 10-30-61.

A copy of this report will be disseminated UACB to the
Department of Justice representative upon his return to East St.
Louis, Ill.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112) (P)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD FORTMAN, Aka;
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St. Louis radio station KWK newscaster on morning of 11/2/61 strongly criticized East St. Louis Police and St. Clair County Coroner, Dr. C. C. KANE, regarding handling of STENGELE slaying.

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News article along this same line appeared in St. Louis Post Dispatch, 11/2/61. However, in St. Louis Globe Democrat article, 11/3/61, both Continental and WORTMANs denied there was any such deal.

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[REDACTED] has advised of numerous conversations daily at Paddock Lounge regarding STENGEL killing, but no indication of knowledge who was responsible for the slaying.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Ak;
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DAILY AIRTEL

Re Springfield daily airtel, 10/19/61, page 2

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)(P)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka

ET AL

AR

OO: Springfield

DAILY AIRTEL

According to local newspapers, the Continental Vending Machine Company, St. Louis, Missouri, announced 11/6/61 that they had sold their entire "east side" business to TED WORTMAN under the name B & H Distributing Company. The "east side" business reportedly consisted of some 800 stops in East St. Louis, Ill., and vicinity. The publicly stated price was \$250,000. No mention was made of vending machine operations in St. Louis, Mo.

Department Attorney JOHN SCHAUER has returned to East St. Louis, Ill., to continue preparations for the WORTMAN's tax trial.

The St. Louis Office has advised that on 10/19/61

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FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)
SUBJECT FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka.
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Observation today of Paddock lounge,
the hangout for members of the WORTMAN organization
disclosed the following out-of-state cars, parked near the
tavern:

1960 four-door White 88 Oldsmobile,
1961 Ohio License [REDACTED]

late model Imperial, four-door,
light tan in color, 1961 Florida
License [REDACTED]

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The driver of the Imperial was not observed; however, the Oldsmobile was driven by a white male approximately 40 years of age, 5' 8", dark hair, olive complexion. This individual was observed to enter the Paddock Lounge at approximately 3:30 PM.

CINCINNATI DIVISION

At Columbus, Ohio

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

At Tallahassee, Florida

Determine owners of above vehicles and set out leads to have them interviewed, concerning their presence at the Paddock Lounge on 11/9/61 and concerning any hoodlum association in the East St. Louis area.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)
SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN,
Aka ETAL
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Daily Airtel

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[REDACTED] furnished information individual believed
to be ELMER DOWLING was leaving East St. Louis 11/8/61 des-
tination unknown
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DATE: 11-1-61

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

SUBJECT: JUNE
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al
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Daily Airtel

Re Kansas City airtel to Springfield 10/30/61, CC St.
Louis, no CC Bureau.

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 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112) (P)
 FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka
 et al
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The following is a summary of information from October 20, 1961,
 through November 3, 1961, as obtained from [REDACTED] b2 b7D

[REDACTED] reported as follows:

On October 20, 1961, a conversation relating to the opening of
 a new discount house near Collinsville, Ill., known as the Sav-Mart
 Store was engaged in by an unidentified male talking to one of the
 waitresses at the Paddock Lounge. This individual referred to the
 store as having a security police force and identified one of the
 members of this force as an individual known to him by the name
 [REDACTED]

On October 21, 1961, it was established that MEL and [REDACTED] were
 together during the early morning hours; however, they discussed
 nothing of any significance.

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Several men engaged in a discussion
 about the Alibi Lounge and referred to the operation of this
 lounge several years ago. (It is noted the Alibi Lounge is a
 house of prostitution located on the Collinsville Road near
 Collinsville, Ill.) This group mentioned that five girls were

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working at the time and identified the bartender in the Alibi Lounge. Also at this time STORMY was identified as being present during the late hours on October 23, 1961, and along with STORMY was an individual referred to as MEL.

On October 24, 1961, there was a conversation centered around

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] engaged in general conversation relative to the killing of JOHN STENGELE. (It is noted STENGELE was killed on a street in East St. Louis, Illinois, by an unknown person and that STENGELE was in competition with the Plaza Amusement Company, which is a WORTMAN operation.)

Also engaged in the conversation with [REDACTED] was an unidentified man who referred to the Continental Company and indicated that as a result of the STENGELE killing Continental would go "busted" for sure. This discussion included the method of operation of the Continental Company and also referred to or raised the question as to how Continental could operate on a ten per cent margin and also how they could operate by paying \$10,000 to some of their customers as it was alleged and still stay in business.

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On this same date, MEL was identified as being in the Paddock Lounge. Also on this same date, a general discussion by unidentified parties occurred relative to the murder of a couple called PETERS, who live near Milstadt, Ill. There was nothing significant mentioned about either of these killings.

On October 25, 1961, an unidentified male came into the Paddock Lounge and began discussing his having \$38,000 and mentioned that it took him 17 years to acquire this sum. b7c

On this same date, an individual named [REDACTED] was identified as having come into the Lounge and during the afternoon of this same date [REDACTED] came into the Lounge and engaged in a general conversation with an individual identified as [REDACTED]. Nothing of any significance was noted during this conversation.

On October 26, 1961, one of the waitresses during a discussion appeared to be upset over something she had previously said about the STENGELE killing. [REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED]

On October 27, 1961, [REDACTED] at the Paddock discussed the killing of a railroad man near Granite City which had occurred on the previous day. This conversation indicated that there apparently was no connection between the killing of this man and STENGEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On October 28, 1961, MEL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On October 30, there was noted a conversation among some unidentified individuals concerning the race of MAURICE JOSEPH for the office of

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Sheriff in St. Clair County.

It was believed during the day that individuals named [REDACTED] GORDON, [REDACTED] and MEL were all together in the Paddock Lounge.

During the day a conversation was held allegedly between ELMER and Buster relative to a new gambling location that they were considering. The discussion centered around the relative merits of a place at 37th and Bunkum Road in East St. Louis, Ill. More detailed information will be furnished following a review of the tape concerning this conversation.

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they engaged in a general discussion of the political situation, both local and national and referred to the State's Attorney in St. Clair County. There was also a discussion concerning a \$100 per plate political dinner that was sponsored by some Democratic organization.

The persons referred to in this airtel are believed to be identified in the order reported as follows:

MEL is MEL BEGMAN, also a WORTMAN associate.

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[REDACTED]
a gambler and WORTMAN associate.[REDACTED]
a gambler and WORTMAN associate.[REDACTED] a WORTMAN associate
and gambler.[REDACTED]
a WORTMAN associate.

[REDACTED] a close WORTMAN associate and policy operator.

[REDACTED]
a WORTMAN associate and policy operator.

BUSTER who is FRANK WORTMAN.

ELMER who is ELMER DOWLING.

It is anticipated that regular weekly summaries will be submitted by the Springfield Division in the future, during the course of this operation.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished for information purposes to the St. Louis office in view of the close proximity of the St. Louis Office to East St. Louis, Ill., and of their interest in the WORTMAN operations.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka; EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, Jr., Aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI RACKETEERING	

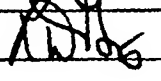
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: November 13, 1961

Office: Springfield

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Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, JR.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Associates still frequenting
Paddock Lounge.

[REDACTED] WORTMAN's firm negotiating for Continental
Vending's East Side operation.

[REDACTED] THE WORTMANS
AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW
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By communication dated October 24, 1961, the Miami Division furnished the following information:

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B. ASSOCIATES

Date October 23, 1961

At 12:05 p.m., October 11, 1961, a 1959 black Plymouth, Missouri license [REDACTED] was observed parked in front of Bill's Oasis Tavern, Black Lane, St. Clair County, Illinois. This vehicle is known to be registered to [REDACTED] and was first observed by SA [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] joined SA [REDACTED] in the vicinity of Bill's Oasis Tavern at 12:16 p.m. and the 1959 Plymouth was observed until 1:15 p.m. at which time [REDACTED] and a white female, age approximately 40, were observed to leave the tavern and depart in this car, heading down Black Lane to Collinsville Road and then out Collinsville Road toward East St. Louis, Illinois. This car was observed to turn onto St. Clair Avenue and proceed to the vicinity of 26th and St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, where the car was observed to drive around several blocks. The car then proceeded out State Street in the direction of Belleville, Illinois, turning over to Lake Drive on 59th Street. It was observed to proceed out Lake Drive, across Route 157 and up the hill toward Belleville, Illinois, where the Plymouth was observed to make a U-turn and proceed back toward East St. Louis, Illinois. The car was observed to proceed to the vicinity of 26th and St. Clair Avenue, where it again went around several blocks. The car then proceeded on 26th Street toward Missouri Avenue and out Missouri Avenue (Route 460) toward Belleville, Illinois. b7C

At 2:09 p.m. the 1959 Plymouth, with the same two occupants, turned into the Lakeside Motel, Route 460, Alorton, Illinois. [REDACTED] was observed to enter the motel office and then return to his car and park in front of Unit 13. b7C

Observation of the Lakeside Motel was continued and at 3:28 p.m. the 1959 Plymouth, with the same two occupants, was observed to leave the Lakeside Motel and proceed toward East St. Louis, Illinois, on Missouri Avenue. It was observed that this car was stopped on Missouri Avenue by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was observed talking to the occupants for approximately fifteen minutes. The car was then observed to proceed to the vicinity of 7th and Missouri Avenues, East St. Louis, Illinois, where the car was out of sight momentarily. b7C

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The car was next observed parked in the parking lot behind the Paddock Lounge, 5th and St. Louis Avenues, East St. Louis, Illinois, at 3:55 p.m. The occupants were not observed at this time.

Observation of the Plymouth on the parking lot of the Paddock Lounge was continued and at 6:45 p.m. [REDACTED] was observed to come from the Paddock Lounge and enter this car and proceed alone from the Paddock down 5th Street toward Broadway. The car was observed to turn west on Broadway and to proceed in the direction of the Eads Bridge. Observation of this vehicle was discontinued at this time

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Date October 31, 1961

At 12:05 PM, to 1:15 PM, October 25, 1961, the following individuals were observed inside of the Paddock Lounge at East St. Louis. b7c

[REDACTED]
were eating lunch together;

GORDON FOSTER and GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL
were talking together; b7c

[REDACTED] was also eating lunch and
EUGENE TEBEAU was present at the bar.

The bar area as well as the dining room area of the Paddock was well occupied during this period of time by local East St. Louis people having lunch.

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Date October 31, 1961

At 12:15 PM, October 25, 1961, GORDON FOSTER was observed at the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis dressed in a sweater and work trousers. He was accompanied by GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL. FOSTER was observed driving a 1961 black Mercury convertible with a white top bearing no license.

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The following news article appeared on Page 1 of the St. Louis Post Dispatch issue of November 2, 1961:

**"TED WORTMAN DEAL FOR PART OF RIVAL
FIRM'S AREA REPORTED**

**"He Is Said to Be Negotiating for
Continental's East Side Cigarette
Vending Machine Business.**

"Edward (Ted) Wortman is negotiating to purchase the East Side cigarette vending machine business of Continental-St. Louis Corp., the Post-Dispatch learned today.

"The negotiations, apparently signaling a peace effort in the contest for control of the lucrative cigarette machine business here have been in progress for more than a week. They are expected to be completed soon.

"Wortman operates B & H Distributing Co. He is a brother of East Side gangster Frank (Buster) Wortman.

"B & H Continental-St. Louis have been engaged in a competition so intense that police have called in officers of both companies and warned that violence would not be tolerated. Both firms agreed to carry on their contest along businesslike lines.

"Press Meeting Set.

"Continental officers have called a press conference for Monday afternoon. Melvin Chasen, vice president of the firm's parent company, Continental Vending Machine Corp. of New York, declined to answer a reporter's questions today about the negotiations with Wortman.

"It is too early to make any statement," Chasen said. "It is much too soon to confirm, deny or make any statement on the subject. On Monday, we will answer your questions."

"Chasen was in St. Louis last week. On Oct. 23 he announced the firing of Louis J. Saladino as manager of Continental-St. Louis Corp. He said at the time that Continental 'does not engage in battles with other operators' of vending machine firms.

"Saladino was replaced by Irving Bordan, formerly of Birmingham, Ala. The negotiations for the sale of Continental's East Side stops began shortly after the shift in managers, it was reported.

"In Touch With Wortman.

"The Post-Dispatch was told that Continental officers got in touch with Wortman about the possibility of reaching an agreement. Wortman was reported to have felt that trouble between the two firms began when Saladino became Continental's manager and began taking over B & H customers.

"Only Continental customers on the East Side would be involved in the pending deal. B & H does not operate on the Missouri side of the river, although other companies backed by the Wortmans do business in St. Louis and St. Louis County."

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Date November 7, 1961

On October 27, 1961, the Paddock Lounge, Fifth and St. Louis Avenues, East St. Louis, Illinois, was observed from 2:21 PM to 4:30 PM. During this period of time it was observed that no one arrived at the Paddock Lounge by automobile and it was further observed that no one left the Paddock Lounge by automobile. It was noted that the several persons who went in and out of the Paddock Lounge during this period of time appeared to be local working men as they were all on foot and all wearing work-type clothing. It was also noted that two women, possibly waitresses, arrived at the Paddock Lounge at approximately 3:00 PM.

A check of automobiles in the vicinity of the Paddock Lounge during the above period of time indicated only one vehicle bearing Missouri license parked in the vicinity of the Paddock Lounge. This vehicle was parked on St. Louis Avenue near Fifth Street and was determined to be a 1960 Plymouth bearing Missouri license [REDACTED]. A radio check with the St. Louis Office determined that this vehicle is registered to the [REDACTED] b7c

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after agents visited the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis for observation purposes there was a discussion by unknown individuals wherein agents were cursed and generally spoken of disparagingly, which conversation went on for a considerable length of time among persons in the lounge after agents left.

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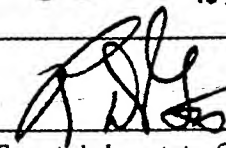
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WEEKLY SUMMARY

The following is a summary of information as obtained from [REDACTED] b2 b7D

During the period 11/4/61 to 11/6/61 [REDACTED] reported nothing significant. On 11/6/61 this source informed that an unknown man discussed the death of one MARY ANN (phonetic). This is believed to be MARY ANN PARNELL, ex-wife of former Police Magistrate MAURICE "LEFTY" PARNELL, who was killed in an automobile accident near Belleville, Illinois, on 11/5/61. b7C

On this same date [REDACTED] were identified as being in the Paddock Lounge. Also on this same date there was considerable discussion concerning the placing of a new television antenna on the roof of the building of the Paddock Lounge.

On 11/7/61 there occurred a discussion during the noon hour relative to the condition of one [REDACTED]. This [REDACTED] is believed to be the same one who was in the Paddock Lounge as referred to in Springfield airtel dated 11/6/61. A

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Informant furnished information that **ELMER DOWLING** believes planning to leave East St. Louis 11/8/61 destination was unknown and that one [redacted] was servicing DOWLING's automobile. b7C

again on this same date there was a general discussion among some unknown male individuals relative to vending machine operations and they specifically referred to a good location being in the heart of Clayton and described this location as an all night spot. It is believed that they were referring to Clayton, Missouri. There was also considerable discussion relative to a location at Fourteenth and Madison Streets, presumed to be Granite City, Illinois, and described this location as having a good juke box "play", where \$3.00 to \$6.00 a night profit could be made through the juke box.

On this same date there was a general discussion concerning the operation by pool hustlers and specific reference was made about a recent "one pocket" game at Johnston City at a Johnston City pool hall in which the winner was described as being a Texan who won approximately \$5,000.00 in this game. In this discussion one [redacted] (phonetic) was described as a pool hall shark who had the ability to win without any difficulty. It was mentioned there was a circuit and that games would not be uncommon in running up to \$60,000.00. b7C

On 11/9/61 there appeared to be a general agitation among certain customers over the presence of the FBI in the Paddock Lounge. This conversation concerned mostly obscenities and general cursing. No significant information was developed from this conversation. It should be noted a fisur was conducted at the Paddock Lounge during the late afternoon of 11/9/61.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished for information purposes to the St. Louis Office in view of the close proximity of the St. Louis Office to East St. Louis, Illinois, and of their interest in the WORTMAN operations.

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DAILY AIRTEL

St. Louis press carried article 11/15/61 that Comptroller JOHN N. POELKER, City of St. Louis (former Bureau agent) has stated he is going to take action regarding Rite-Way Cigarette Sales Company machines in the City Hall and other public buildings in St. Louis, as Rite-Way was given exclusive right to operate these machines in city buildings last summer after he had been assured that the WORTMANs were not stockholders in the company. In view of recent developments whereby Rite-Way, represented by EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, purchased Continental Cigarette machines and locations in East St. Louis. POELKER now is going to ask for bids by other companies regarding cigarette vending machines in St. Louis city buildings.

[REDACTED] advised there was considerable conversation at Paddock Lounge today regarding yesterday's raid in East St. Louis by Internal Revenue Service agents on various handbooks and that unidentified person made the comment that [REDACTED] Also conversation at this same location regarding presence of agents at the Paddock Lounge in recent past and observation that agents had a job to do and had a lot of money behind them to do it with.

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During the past three days, numerous WORTMAN associates were at the Paddock Lounge regularly, including GORDON FOSTER, ROBERT SHEER, MEL BECKMAN, [REDACTED] STORMY HARVILL. [REDACTED] b7c

St. Louis contact [REDACTED] to determine what action he plans to take about WORTMAN vending machines in city buildings in St. Louis and furnish to him, if he desires, previous information regarding purchase by Rite-Way of Continental locations in East St. Louis.

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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 11-13-61, at Springfield.

Following corrections should be made:

First line, page 33 should read [REDACTED] advised etc. *b2 b7D*

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All records, St. Clair County Recorder of Deeds reviewed yesterday regarding vending transactions between Continental and Rite-Way; Stengele vending operation and Brandt Distributing, St. Louis; and, Brandt Distributing to G. & S. Novelty, East St. Louis. All details obtained, including amounts involved as well as Photostats, being obtained today of these records.

[REDACTED] on 11/16/61 advised considerable conversation among patrons of Paddock Lounge regarding political situation St. Clair County indicating States Attorney and Sheriff cannot handle criminal matters without clearance through political organization of county, and generally are inefficient. Additional comments made regarding presence of agents at Paddock Lounge in the past. b2/b7D

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ARWEEKLY SUMMARY

The following is a summary of information obtained from [REDACTED] b2 b7D

On 11/13/61 and 15/61, above source advised the following known members of the WORTMAN Organization were present at the Paddock Lounge: [REDACTED] RIMER
DOWLING [REDACTED] GORDON
FOSTER, [REDACTED]

On 11/15/61 employees, according to informant, were talking about the new opening of the 400 Club in East St. Louis, a well known hangout for police characters, prostitutes and local pimps.

According to informant, [REDACTED] was in the Paddock Lounge and discussing the encounter he had with the Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] dbr

On 11/16/61 informant advised employees were talking about the presence of the Federal agents at the Paddock Lounge in the recent past and the fact that the agents had a job to do and further that they had a lot of money behind them to do it with. Further discussion took place concerning [REDACTED]

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the incident regarding [REDACTED]
according to the informant [REDACTED]Discussion also took place regarding the whereabouts of
one [REDACTED] who had not been seen for some time. b7c

According to the informant, inquiry was made on
11/16/61 about Mr. WORTMAN, and observation was made that he
was looking and feeling pretty well at the present time.

Considerable conversation took place between patrons
at the Paddock Lounge regarding local political situation
in St. Clair County, generally to the effect that the
Sheriff's Office and States Attorney's Office were inefficient,
inadequately staffed, and could not cope with the major
crimes and criminal activities in St. Clair County. Further,
that the East St. Louis school board's political situation
was in a "mess" and generally politics was at a low ebb.

Above informant will not be available for contact
11/17 through 24; however, anticipated further contact
will be had beginning 11/27/61.

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DAILY AIRTEL

No daily airtel submitted 9/29/61 since all agents of the Belleville RA engaged in the following investigation:

CRIME CONDITIONS
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In view of continuing investigation in above cases, particularly the investigation concerning crime conditions in the East St. Louis, Illinois area, no daily airtel will be submitted until December 7, 1961.

UACB summary airtels concerning captioned matter will be submitted to the Bureau on a weekly basis starting 12/7/61

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and reports will be submitted every 30 days, with the next report to be submitted 12/22/61.

It is noted that there are extensive investigations within the Belleville RA concerning all violations under the new legislation concerning interstate gambling matters as well as current anti-racketeering and anti-trust investigations involving Continental Vending St. Louis Corporation, B & H Distributing Company, Plaza Amusement Company, etal. Many of these investigations have ramifications pertinent to the investigation of WORTMAN's activities and associates and therefore this investigation will continue to receive continuous and daily attention.

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To: SAC, Springfield

From: Director, FBI b7c

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Enclosed for each office is a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Department dated 11/13/61.

Springfield should recontact informant [redacted] to obtain further specifics and any current developments relative to the prior report [redacted] b2 b7c b7D

Particular inquiries should be made with the informant to ascertain whether there is any indication of an inducement for the alleged demands made by [redacted] It is noted a possible violation of AR Statute involves extortion induced by force, violence or fear where interstate commerce is affected. b7c

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Airtel to SAC, Springfield
RE: [REDACTED] b7c

After the required recontact with the original source of the allegation involved, Springfield should discuss this matter with the appropriate U. S. Attorney to ascertain whether the information at hand contains a sufficient indication of a possible violation to justify complete investigation. In this regard, you may discuss with the U. S. Attorney any significant information obtained during the preliminary inquiry of the case entitled "Continental St. Louis Vending Corporation; B & H Distributing Company; Antitrust," (forwarded by Buairtel 11/2/61) which would be pertinent to the captioned case.

Buairtel within a week a resume of the preliminary inquiry in this matter, the results of your discussion with the U. S. Attorney and contemplated action of your office. In the event circumstances beyond your administrative control preclude such action, the Bureau should be advised by airtel of the reasons therefor and the earliest date such action will be completed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: 11-15-61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

SUBJECT:

JUNE

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al

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Re Bulets October 24, 1961, January 26, 1961,
September 22, 1960, and mylets October 16, 1961 and October
5, 1961, captioned as above.

Reference is specifically made to Bulet of October
24, 1961, which suggests the use of [REDACTED] to obtain coverage
at the Moat, a residence occupied by WORTMAN.

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The Chicago Division should take no action on this request and copies of this letter are being furnished to them for their information in the event the Bureau communicates directly with the Chicago Division.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that WORTMAN's trial on income tax matters has been set for the first week of January, 1962. Attention is also directed to the fact that this trial has been postponed on previous occasions and there is no method by which a guarantee can be made that the trial will not be further postponed.

Any suggestions the Bureau might wish to make in this matter will be appreciated.

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To: SAC, Springfield (66-1368)

From: Director, FBI (92-2810) - 358

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al

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Reference is made to your request of 11/15/61

Inasmuch as the trial of Wortman and his associates on an income tax indictment is scheduled for the first week in January, 1962, it is not deemed advisable to attempt the suggested installation at this time, in view of the possibility of jeopardizing the successful prosecution of that case.

In the event of a postponement or the development of compelling reasons to attempt such an installation, you should advise the Bureau and furnish your further recommendations.

You should continue intensive coverage of Wortman's activities including the fullest exploitation of information as to his activities received through the coverage maintained at the Paddock Lounge.

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Wortman and several associates are scheduled for trial the first week in January on an income tax indictment. This is an important case which has involved a great deal of work and investigation both on the part of the Internal Revenue Service and the Bureau.

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Under the circumstances it is felt that efforts to make the proposed installation are not warranted at this time in view of the danger of jeopardizing successful prosecution of the income tax case. Also current information indicates Wortman's activities have been greatly curtailed and Springfield already has coverage of his associates through an installation operated at the Paddock Lounge, a meeting place for the Wortman gang.

FBI

Date: 12-5-61

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112) -P-

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; ETAL
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WEEKLY SUMMARY

The following is a summary of information obtained from [REDACTED]:

Above source was not available for contact on 11-27 and 11-28-61, and first contact was made on 11-29-61.

During period 11-29-61 to 11-30-61, [REDACTED] reported nothing significant. Above source was not contacted extensively during this period due to local bank robbery at Millstadt, Ill.

On 12-1-61, the above source advised that two men were present in the Paddock Lounge, names unknown, who were heard to be discussing [REDACTED] and someone called [REDACTED], all in connection with the taking of Army physical examinations. Further contact with above source will be made in an attempt to identify these named individuals.

The same two men also were heard to be complaining about FBI agents always hanging around taking their license numbers at various locations in town.

According to the informant, on the same day, [REDACTED] in the Paddock Lounge, was heard telling about a person who "sells numbers on one counter, horses on one, dogs on one, and something else on another".

Informant also advised that on this same date, two men were discussing the recent bank robbery in Millstadt, Ill., claiming that the FBI, the Marshal, and everybody were trying to find the money in the woods and they wished they knew where it was.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 12-5-61

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Above informant will not be available on 12-2-61 to 12-3-61; however, it is anticipated that further contacts will be established on 12-4-61.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

DATE: November 15, 1961

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SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title **FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka et al**

Character of Case **AR**
Field Office **Springfield**
Symbol Number **[REDACTED]**
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or
Microphone) **Microphone**

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~~CONF. SOURCE~~

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

~~Paddock Lounge~~
429 St. Louis Avenue
East St. Louis, Illinois

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

[REDACTED]

3. Location of monitoring plant:

[REDACTED]

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4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Date of Authorization - May 16, 1961
Date of Installation - June 22, 1961

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):
None

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6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:

Not applicable

a. Is a trunk line utilized?

b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard?

c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone?

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- d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line?
- e. If a party line, how many parties?
7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:
[REDACTED] b7E
8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:
No.
9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)
10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?
No.
11. [REDACTED] b7D
12. Has security factor changed since installation?
No.
13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):
None.
14. Cost of Plant Premises:
a. [REDACTED] b7E
b. [REDACTED]

- c. [REDACTED]
15. [REDACTED] b7E

16. Personnel Costs:

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]

- c. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:

None

- d. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

Not applicable

17. Remarks (By SAC):

Installation has been of value to the Springfield Office as previously noted from information received. Material received has not been of outstanding matter generally; however, it has been of excellent assistance in handling the criminal intelligence program and also of value in planning future criminal intelligence and area investigations.

It is anticipated that as additional monitoring develops, the material received will be of increased value and will be useful in specific investigations.

Efforts being made to improve the coverage. It is recommended that installation be continued.

18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)

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[REDACTED] referred to during conversation of employees at Paddock Lounge.

On October 24, 1961, and several days thereafter, there was daily conversation by the employees and customers at the Paddock Lounge regarding the gangland type slaying of JOHN STENGELE in East St. Louis on the morning of October 24, 1961. Source furnished additional discussion concerning coin vending competitive war in East St. Louis area between Continental Vending Company of St. Louis and WORTMAN controlled coin vending operations, in which competitive war STENGELE was involved as STENGELE allegedly associated with Continental operations.

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On October 26, 1961, further conversation by employees at Paddock Lounge regarding STENGELE killing was furnished by this source. Employees discussed the attitude and comments made by ELMER DOWLING and MEL (BECKMAN) re STENGELE killing but gave no indication these individuals possessed any information identifying the killers.

On October 26, 1961, ELMER (DOWLING) and TED (WORTMAN) engaged in conversation with person subsequently identified as [REDACTED]

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On October 30, 1961, source advised conversation re political activities in St. Clair County and upcoming political race of MAURICE JOSEPH as sheriff of county, ON

On October 31, 1961, STORMY (HARVILL) taken out setting up an unknown man in a crooked poker game.

On November 1, 1961, conversation between several males believed to be ELMER DOWLING and possibly FRANK WORTMAN regarding new gambling location being considered with various addresses in East St. Louis discussed.

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[REDACTED]

On November 3, 1961, several East St. Louis lawyers discussed numerous general topics, including local politics and local public officials.

On November 6, 1961, discussion between employees reported by source regarding death of MARY ANN PARNELL, ex-wife of local police magistrate, who was killed in an automobile accident.

On November 7, 1961, discussion between employees relative to profitable coin vending location in St. Louis, Mo. and Granite City, Illinois.

On the same date discussion reported by source regarding pool hustlers and commented regarding one pocket game in southern Illinois area, the winner won \$5,000 and further discussion that pool hall sharks who have ability, move in a circuit and games running up to \$60,000 are not uncommon.

On November 8, 1961, source advised ELMER DOWLING believed leaving town and commented regarding service to his automobile by one [REDACTED]

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On November 9, 1961, after two agents entered Paddock Lounge for observation purposes there was considerable conversation concerning disparaging remarks about the FBI and FBI agents and the general cursing of the agents. The conversation was rather lengthy and showed the uneasiness and unhappy attitude of persons at the Paddock Lounge regarding FBI investigation and inquiries.

On a daily basis it has been possible through installation to identify most of the employees at the Paddock Lounge, including hours they work; also some of the individual attitudes and personal remarks of these people concerning daily events of life. Through installation also on a daily basis it is possible to establish the general activities, movements, conversations, interests and remarks of numerous members of the WORTMAN organization, who are daily visitors at the Paddock Lounge and in fact, generally drift in and out of this location several times during the day and even in the early morning hours. Installation

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established that Paddock Lounge is operated literally 24 hours a day and closes from 5:00 to 6:00 AM; for a few hours the place is cleaned up and then is opened for business again.

As of this date, there has been no dissemination of any information received or any specific use made thereof, other than the extreme usefulness information has been to agents in handling the WORTMAN and area investigations. Information relative to employees and WORTMAN association frequenting the Paddock Lounge, will undoubtedly be of considerable value in future contacts with some of these individuals for live informant development.

SAC, Springfield

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Director, FBI

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka., et al.

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Re your FD-143 dated 11/15/61

Authority granted for continuance of source until 2/20/62. In the event a further continuance is recommended beyond that date, an appropriate FD-143 together with your recommendation should be submitted to reach the Bureau not later than February 15.

This installation should receive close supervision in order to assure that its productivity is such as to warrant its continuance. All leads arising from information received through this source should be given prompt and continuous attention.

Submit a weekly airtel summary to the Bureau setting forth information received from this source. If information of immediate interest or significance is received, it should not be held until the weekly summary but should be immediately furnished to the Bureau by appropriate separate means of communication.

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NOTE [redacted] is installed at the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, Ill., which is used as a meeting place for the lieutenants and henchmen of Springfield top hoodlum Frank Leonard Wortman. Examples of the type of information furnished by this source during the past 30 days are as follows:

On 10/24/61 and for several days thereafter, the source reported conversations by persons at the Paddock Lounge regarding the gangland-type slaying of John Stengele. On 10/24/61, Stengele was involved in a contest between the Wortman gang and the Continental Vending Co. of St. Louis for control of vending machine operations in East St. Louis.

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On 10/30/61 the source reported a conversation re political activities in St. Clair County, Ill. and the forthcoming candidacy of Maurice Joseph for the position of Sheriff of that county. On 10/31/61, Stormy Harvill discussed setting up an unknown individual in a crooked poker game.

On 11/1/61 conversation between several males believed to be Elmer Dowling and possibly Frank Wortman regarding new gambling location being considered with various addresses in East St. Louis discussed.

On 11/7/61 the source reported discussion regarding pool hustlers and the fact that in one game in the Southern Illinois area, the winner won \$5,000 and further that poolhall sharks who have ability move in a circuit and that games where the stakes amount to \$60,000 are not uncommon.

On 11/9/61 after two Agents entered Paddock Lounge for observation purposes there was considerable conversation concerning disparaging remarks about the FBI and FBI Agents and the general cursing of the Agents. The conversation was rather lengthy and showed the uneasiness and unhappy attitude of persons at the Paddock Lounge regarding FBI investigation and inquiries.

While this installation is in the first phase of its operation, much of the information received has been of assistance in connection with investigation of the Wortman gang and the over-all Criminal Intelligence Program in the Springfield Office. There is a considerable potential for further development as a background of experience is built up which will enable the better evaluation of the reports received over the installation. In view of this, a further continuance is being recommended.

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Date: 12-12-61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112) -P-

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; ETAL
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WEEKLY SUMMARY

The following is a summary of information obtained from [REDACTED]

Above source was not available for contact on 12-2 and 12-3-61.
Contact was first made on 12-4-61.

On 12-4-61, the above source advised that MEL BECKMAN was present in the Paddock Lounge during the afternoon and that he had engaged in conversation with a man called [REDACTED]

On 12-5-61, above source advised that two unknown men were discussing a recent card game in which someone, name unknown, had lost \$500 on the last 3 hands of the game. In this conversation, the name, DOWLING, was mentioned 2 or 3 times.

On the afternoon of this same date, the above source further advised that a conversation took place between two men, named [REDACTED]. The discussion concerned the signing of a release of some kind, one man saying he was asked to sign before he could even get up off the ground. The conversation was very difficult to follow, advised the above source, but it concerned some kind of release from a contract which provided that the other party should receive 50% of everything made. Reference was made twice to "the boss".

On 12-6-61, the above source was unable to furnish anything of any significance.

On 12-7-61, the source advised that a [REDACTED] at the Paddock Lounge was talking with a man she called MEL, about a

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party the night before. The following names of persons present at the party were mentioned:

[REDACTED]

Subsequently, the man called [REDACTED] joined the conversation, according to the above source.

On this same date, a man named [REDACTED] was identified by the above source as having been present in the Paddock Lounge during the afternoon. Also during the afternoon, a woman called [REDACTED] was asking how to go about obtaining information concerning a social security check that something had happened to. An unknown man told her this was an FBI matter as it was a federal offense.

On 12-8-61, the above source advised that the telephone rang in the Paddock Lounge and was answered by a man named [REDACTED] who then called a man named [REDACTED] to the phone; that [REDACTED] said that no one else was there at that time, but that he would try to get some guys together and would call back.

Informant will not be available for contact on 12-9-61 and 12-10-61, but will be recontacted on 12-11-61.

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FBI

Date: 12-7-61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112) (P)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka

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OO: Springfield

Re: Springfield airtel to Bureau 11-30-61.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

St. Clair County, Illinois, records have been reviewed for full details of transactions of B & H Vending, Continental Vending, Rite-Way Vending, etal.

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Special Agent in Charge

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If not already done, consideration should be given to disseminating this information to appropriate local authorities using caution to fully protect the Bureau's source.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112) -P-

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;
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Anti-racketeeringWEEKLY SUMMARY

The following is a summary of information obtained from [REDACTED] b2 b7D

On 12-11-61 above source advised the following known members of the Wortman Organization were present in the Paddock lounge: [REDACTED] MEL BECKMAN, [REDACTED]

On 12-12-61 above informant furnished the following information: that ELMER DOWLING was in the Paddock lounge and was heard to be discussing some one by the name of [REDACTED] b7C

In connection with this conversation, the names [REDACTED] were often mentioned; that on this same date MEL BECKMAN was heard discussing something about doing time in the penitentiary, and an investigation in which he and [REDACTED] were picked up by the police. He said they were put in the line-up and there was some talk of being pushed and thrown around. He said a man called [REDACTED] also [REDACTED] were also involved. He said something about some one having his leg shot off, and that he was there to see it. It was further noted that [REDACTED] and GEORGE STORMY HARVILL were also present at the Paddock lounge on this date. The above

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Date: 12-19-61

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Source further advised that a man named [REDACTED] was also present in the Paddock Lounge; that [REDACTED] is apparently well acquainted in the East St. Louis area; [REDACTED]

On 12-13-61, the above source advised that [REDACTED] ELMER DOWLING, and a man named [REDACTED] and a man named [REDACTED] were all present in the Paddock Lounge during the morning hours. Source advised that later in the day MEL BECKMAN was in Paddock, along with a man called [REDACTED] and that at approximately 2:30 p.m. some one called FRANK entered the lounge and was immediately recognized and became the center of attention, and the discussion turned to health and doctors. b7c

In the afternoon of the same date the above source advised, a man was present who was discussing his niece, who he said had polio. [REDACTED]

Above source also advised that some unidentified men were discussing a recent trip to Mobile, Alabama, where they looked over some property which was to be bought for a gambling establishment. The names [REDACTED] were mentioned in connection with this trip.

According to informant, [REDACTED] ELMER DOWLING, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were heard discussing the situation in O'Fallon, Illinois concerning troubles with the vending operation. There was also some discussion about pulling a job but the details of this were not clear.

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On 12-14-61 informant advised that only MEL BECKMAN of the Wortman organization was known to be in the Paddock Lounge on that date, that he was heard discussing an over charge in taxes which he tried to have refunded but failed. He commented that the only thing to do was to pay it. He said further that gambling should be legalized in the United States and if it was most of his problems would be solved. He further commented that with all of the federal officers, tax boys, and FBI everywhere, there wasn't much that could be done.

Informant advised that nothing of value was obtained on 12-15-61 and that informant could not be contacted on 12-16-61 or 12-17-61 but would be available on 12-18-61.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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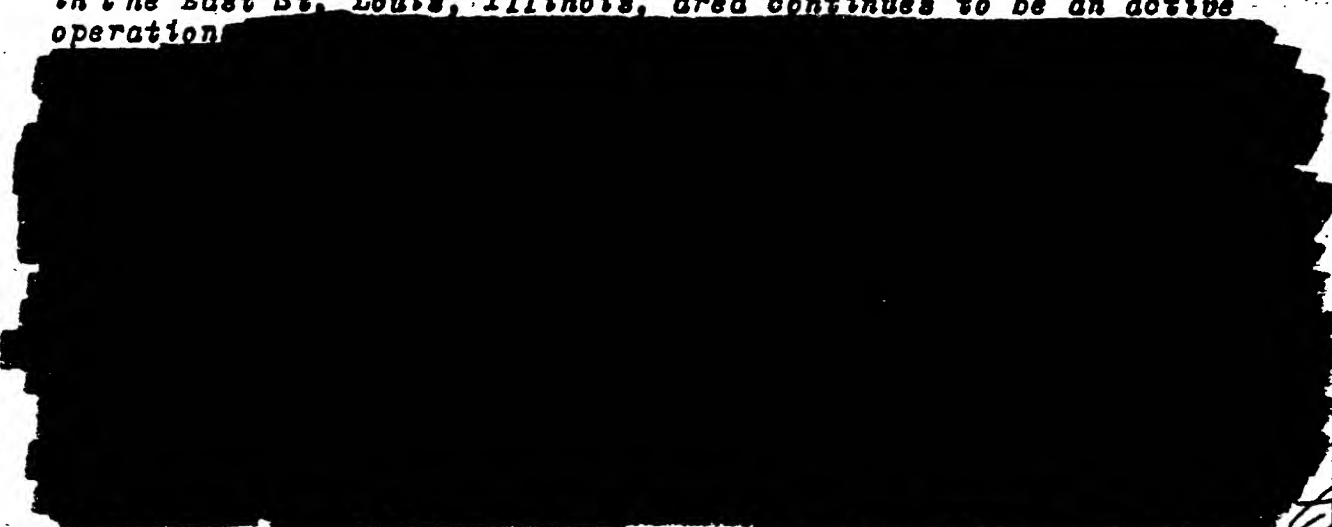
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SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka;
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The current vending operations of the WORTMAN organization in the East St. Louis, Illinois, area continues to be an active operation.



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on 12/13/61 advised individual believed to be FRANK WORTMAN present in Paddock Lounge with others and according to this source, WORTMAN indicated he is getting along fine and is feeling good. Individual believed to be WORTMAN observed entering Paddock in the pm on 12/13/61 with others and just before entering Paddock was seen in Lincoln automobile registered to [REDACTED]

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St. Louis should continue to advise information developed concerning WORTMAN operations and in particular, information relative to the present coin vending situation.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: 12/6/61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka;
EIMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka;
EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, JR., Aka

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 11/13/61 at Springfield.

Enclosed herewith is index page to be inserted in referenced report.

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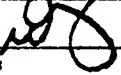

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Report of SA [REDACTED] Dated November 27, 1961,
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED] *b7c*
Date: December 22, 1961

Office: Springfield

Field Office File No.: 92-112

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Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, Jr

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Also observed about the Paddock Lounge quite frequently is a 1960 Tudor dark green Cadillac bearing 1961 Illinois dealer's license 1668 and the operator of this car is a white male, about 6', 30 years of age, dark hair and well dressed, weighing about 190 pounds, who apparently frequents the Paddock regularly.

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Date November 23, 1961

At 3:55 PM, a check was made of the Paddock Lounge, Fifth and St. Louis Avenues, East St. Louis, Illinois, and a group of five men was observed seated at a table on the dining area side. Among the group were GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL and [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] did not obtain a good look at the other individuals.

At this same time it was noted by SA [REDACTED] that the vehicles known to be operated by the following individuals were parked on the parking lot of the Paddock Lounge:

[REDACTED]
MELVIN JOHN BECKMAN
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING

On 11-13-61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # ST 92-112

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 11-17-61

Date November 27, 1961

On 11-20-61, ELMER DOWLING was observed driving west on Illinois Avenue and proceeded out Illinois Avenue to State Street, turning north on 16th Street, and State and proceeding to Teel's Tavern at the corner of 16th and St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis. DOWLING parked his automobile on the street near this tavern and walked across the street and entered the tavern at the rear door. Also parked in the rear of the tavern was a small delivery truck with the wording "Continental Vending Company" on the side and there were numerous cartons at the back of this tavern. The cartons appeared to be empty and were cartons which had contained cartons of cigarettes.

On 11-20-61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # SI 92-112

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 11-20-61

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 27, 1961

At approximately 12:30 PM, SAs [redacted] and [redacted] entered the Paddock Lounge, 5th and St. Louis Avenues, East St. Louis, Illinois, and observed GORDON FOSTER and BOB SHEER, seated at a table near the bar. b7c

During the period 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM, SAs [redacted] and [redacted] also noted that MELVIN JOHN BECKMAN was present at the Paddock Lounge.

On 11-15-61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # SI 92-112

by SA [redacted] & SA [redacted] dictated 11-20-61

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 27, 1961

On 11-14-61, SA [REDACTED] was in the Paddock Lounge, 5th and St. Louis Avenues, East St. Louis, Illinois, between 11:15 AM and 12:00 noon. During this time, it was observed that [REDACTED] was present at the Paddock and it was further observed that GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL came into the Lounge during this time and joined [REDACTED]. It was observed that [REDACTED] and HARVILL sat in the rear booth on the far side of the Paddock Lounge and had lunch together. b7c

Upon leaving the Paddock Lounge at approximately noon it was noted that the vehicles customarily operated by MELVIN JOHN BECKMAN and [REDACTED] were parked on the Paddock Lounge Parking Lot. These individuals were not observed in the Paddock at the above time. b7c

On 11-14-61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # SI 92-112

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Date November 27, 1961

At 1:30 PM, 11-14-61, the automobiles belonging to GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL, [REDACTED] MELVIN BECKMAN, and ELMER DOWLING were observed parked in the parking lot of the Paddock Tavern, 5th and St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. At 1:35 PM on the same day, [REDACTED] was observed leaving the area of the Paddock Tavern in his 1960 Ford Thunderbird convertible. [REDACTED] was alone at this time. At 2:55 PM of the same day, [REDACTED] was observed driving this automobile at 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. At this time accompanying [REDACTED] in this automobile was [REDACTED]

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At about this same time, [REDACTED] apparently observed the Bureau vehicle and at that time drove around several blocks in the downtown East St. Louis area and then pulled onto a service station at 10th and Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis.

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On 11-14-61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # SI 92-112

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 11-20-61

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Date November 24, 1961

At 3:30 PM on 11-9-61, SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in the vicinity of the Paddock Lounge, 5th and St. Louis Avenues, East St. Louis, Illinois, where they observed the following automobiles parked near the Paddock Lounge:

Parked on 5th Street next to the tavern - a 1960 four-door white 88 Oldsmobile, 1961 Ohio license [REDACTED]

Parked on St. Louis Avenue near 5th Street across the street from the Paddock Lounge - late model Imperial four-door, light tan in color, 1961 Florida License [REDACTED] b7c

The driver of the Imperial was not observed; however, it was noted that the Oldsmobile was driven by a white male approximately 40 years of age, height approximately 5' 8", hair dark, olive complexion, wearing business suit and top coat. He was observed to park at the above location at approximately 3:30 PM and was observed to enter the Paddock Lounge by the side door.

On 11-9-61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # SI 92-112 b7c

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C. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

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The following article appeared in the "St. Louis Post Dispatch", St. Louis, Missouri, in its November 15, 1961, edition:

"The city will take bids to place cigarette vending machines in all municipal buildings, including fire stations, it was announced yesterday by Comptroller JOHN H. POELKER.

"The action was taken after POELKER checked on ownership of the Rite-Way Cigarette Sales Co., which last summer was given the exclusive right to operate vending machines in City Hall and other public buildings.

"POELKER said he had conferred with JAMES B. HINES, president of Rite-Way, and that HINES had denied that EDWARD (TED) WORTMAN was an officer, stockholder or employee of the company.

"WORTMAN, brother of East Side rackets boss FRANK (BUSTER) WORTMAN, is HINES' father-in-law. TED WORTMAN was named last Friday in a chattel mortgage as agent for Rite-Way. The mortgage was filed in the office of the St. Clair county recorder of deeds.

"POELKER said HINES told him TED WORTMAN had "some sort of authority" to pledge certain assets of Rite-Way in purchase of the Continental-St. Louis Corp.'s East Side vending business. The mortgage was filed in connection with the sale.

"POELKER did not explain the sudden decision to seek bids. He said specifications would be prepared in time to receive bids about Dec. 15. The contract would be effective Jan. 1.

"Rite-Way has 24 machines in city buildings, and McCall Novelty Co. has 20 machines in fire stations, POELKER said.

"POELKER said Rite-Way was the best company with which the city has done business. By reducing the number of vending machine companies operating in city buildings, the city has reduced auditing time and increased the city's profits, he said."